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Sleigh bells ring

300,000 watch as the eighth annual Rogers Santa Claus Parade makes its way through Downtown Vancouver ▶ Donations at parade help Food Bank provide for families in need ▶ Story and photos (page 4)

▶ Santa Claus delighted thousands of kids and adults who lined the streets of Downtown Vancouver yesterday during the 8th annual Rogers Santa Claus Parade.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS OF VANCOUVER

Dear Premier Christy Clark and Minister of Education, George Abbott,

At the provincial bargaining table, the BC Public School Employers' Association has tabled a package of proposals which would eliminate working conditions standards for teachers across the province. These proposals take away rights that teachers have bargained over many years. Additionally, the BC government has now cancelled talks with the BCTF in providing a remedy for the illegal stripping of our collective agreements in 2002. This is completely unacceptable.

Teachers in Vancouver want a fair deal. We want the provincial parties to be given a reasonable chance to bargain a new collective agreement; one that respects the work that teachers do and affords school boards the opportunity to bargain some critical issues directly with their local teacher associations. We need guarantees of class size limits and support for students with special needs. Unfortunately, your government is not allowing this to happen. This is having a negative effect on teacher morale and your government's actions are jeopardizing one of the best public education systems in the world.

A net-zero mandate does not work for teachers, students, or the public education system. Provincial governments across the country are currently putting more dollars into K-12 education and are working with their teachers because they recognize it is integral to their future. BC needs to do the same.

We are asking for the government to come to the bargaining table with the funds necessary for a negotiated settlement. Teachers in Vancouver are asking for a fair deal.

Sincerely,

Chris Harris
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Debbie Pawluk
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Doors open at extreme weather shelters

First United Church concerned about short-term shelter needs

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The B.C. government has agreed to fund another 80 winter-shelter spaces after Mayor Gregor Robertson called the situation "deplorable" last week.

Housing advocate Judy Graves said shelter spaces are coming at a critical time after extreme-weather-response shelters were activated on the weekend.

"We've come a long way since last week, and I'm really grateful to the province for this," Graves said.

Housing Minister Rich Coleman announced the seasonal spaces in addition to 42 beds set to open Dec. 15 at Marble Arch Hotel and the 26 women-only spaces at 329 Powell Street.

Friday's announcement brings the number of provincially funded seasonal spaces to 148.

But First United Church spokesman Jason Watt said the province is still not doing enough to keep people out of the cold.

Last week, the city strictly enforced occupancy bylaws at the 24/7 Downtown Eastside shelter, forcing them to turn away dozens of people.

Watt said volunteers and staff have resorted to holding off-site meetings to create more space during meal times.

"The people who need to eat come before us," Watt said. Watt believes First United will be forced to turn away more homeless once the extreme-weather-response shelters are deactivated.

DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

▶ Homeless people take refuge at First United Church yesterday. Last week, the city of Vancouver strictly enforced fire-code bylaws at the shelter, leaving dozens without a place to stay.

Flight diverts due to 'violent passenger'

A WestJet flight from Vancouver to Toronto was diverted to Thunder Bay on Saturday when a passenger allegedly grew violent. The man — a 27-year-old Portuguese citizen with a history of mental illness — was restrained by the crew, and allegedly uttered a bomb threat. An overnight search of the aircraft by police turned up nothing. "Only in extreme situations like this do we divert, which shows you what kind of concern was expressed by the crew," explained WestJet media-relations manager Robert Palmer. The man was taken into custody and will undergo a medical assessment. No charges have been laid. Police expect that he will be returned to Portugal. Passengers and crew stayed overnight in Thunder Bay, completing their journey yesterday.

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Deck the streets with Holiday joy

More than 300,000 spectators lined the streets to get a glimpse of Santa Claus ◆ Floats, marching bands and choirs brought some early holiday cheer to kids and adults of all ages ◆ Donations to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society are still being counted

TEXT AND PHOTOS **PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS**

▶ Kids and adults cheer as Santa makes his way on West Georgia Street in his reindeer-drawn sleigh yesterday at the eighth annual Rogers Santa Claus Parade.

The big man in red brought some early holiday cheer as he made his way through Downtown Vancouver yesterday for the eighth annual Santa Claus Parade.

More than 300,000 spectators revelled in the sights and sounds of marching bands, floats and choirs.

"It's always such a great day to come down," said Pete Jackman, who was there with his wife and five children. "The weather was perfect. The crowd was into it. The floats were fantastic. It was a terrific day."

Kaden Causevic, 5, said he loved the colourful cars and the sweets. "I got one chocolate and a candy cane," he said, adding that he didn't forget to shout out to Santa that he wanted a guitar for Christmas.

Doug Aason of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society said the food and money donations are an early gift for the people they help.

"The folks that come down are in the spirit of giving," Aason said. "We serve about 25,000 clients every week. About 8,300 of those are children. It's an opportunity for people to really give to those who may be facing some difficult times."

▶ Unicyclists from Biscuits Leclerc roll their way along West Georgia Street.

▶ A Christmas tree mascot gets a warm reception from kids watching on the sidelines.

▶ Students from the Vanleena Dance Academy perform for the crowd.

Chiefs' union blasts feds

Calls for increase in funding to support remote aboriginal communities

The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs has issued a rebuke to the federal government for its handling of the crisis at the Attawapiskat First Nation reserve in Ontario.

"There's an attitude ... that aboriginal people are not a priority for this government and never will be," union president Grand Chief Stewart Phillip said. "Rather than addressing substantive issues, they choose to invoke their public-relations campaign, and it's designed to smear aboriginal people."

The isolated northern reserve has been the subject of media scrutiny since it declared a state of emergency a month ago. Of particular concern is a housing crisis that sees many of the reserve's 1,800 residents living in shacks lacking proper plumbing and electricity.

Ottawa claims to have provided $90 million to the community since 2006 and has placed the band under third-party financial management.

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HERE'S A STRATEGY THAT'S HELPING ASPIRING FASHION DESIGNERS RISE UP

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Social business is a 21st century strategy for young entrepreneurs to promote themselves and the work they do. The freedom to independently create a brand image for oneself and affect the brand's popularity has brought aspiring fashion designers to social media fronts.

As the fashion industry goes digital, the advantages of using social media pathways to promote one's clothing line are enough to jump-start a fashion designer's career:

- Network with photographers, models, makeup artists, retailers, stylists and bloggers
- Cost-effectively market your fashion designs
- Gain direct access to consumers
- Develop consumer channels that span different countries

Students and graduates of fashion design programs now have the ability to network with other professionals and market a clothing line directly to consumers.

Last year in 2010, online shopping represented over $15B in purchases made by Canadians alone which means that promoting a ready-to-wear collection on the web is a good way of reaching your target market.

By uploading images and video clips, blogging, reaching fans on Facebook, having your own channel on YouTube, adding the RSS feature to your website and entertaining conversations on Twitter, you've got the concept of self-promotion on lockdown.

Here is a list of resources and blogs to inspire and help aspiring fashion designers take their place in the social sphere:

UXIBUS can give you an idea of how aspiring designers can tap into international employment possibilities. This web-based platform is where graduates of the LaSalle International network can showcase their portfolios for employers and talent-seekers around the world to consult.
uxibus.com

The Fashion Council of Canada (FDCC) is a non-profit organization committed to marketing fashion designers locally and globally.
lgfashionweek.ca

The Fashion Collective is a fashion management group that can help you harness your talent as an emerging Canadian designer by way of social media and more.
thefashioncollective.ca

The LCI Vancouver blog can inspire you to attend the private college where students' works are highlighted even before they complete their five-semester training in fashion design.
blog.lasallecollegevancouver.com

Sense of Fashion is an online shopping site where you can directly reach consumers. Independent designers and boutiques can sell their unique pieces.
senseofashion.com

Four Canadian winners of viaduct competition

No decisions on viaducts will be made through competition, but public opinion will feed into city's transportation plan update in spring 2012

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Joseph Fry's design submitted for the viaduct competition.

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Pedestrian and bicycle bridges, a reorganization of the city's jobs and economy, transforming Venables Street into a bridge, and the creation of an arts hub are ideas that emerged victorious in the city's viaduct competition.

The re:CONNECT competition, which came to a close last Thursday, saw over 100 public entries from 14 different countries vying for their designs to be integrated into the city's plans to redesign the False Creek flats and Georgia and Dunsmir viaducts.

In the end, four Canadian submissions made the cut.

"We wanted to build off the site's existing characteristics and make an industrial site more lively," said Joseph Fry, principal and owner of Hapa Collaborative.

Other winners:

- **AECOM's** Imagining the Flats, which proposes the reorganization of Vancouver to accommodate 20,000 new jobs.
- **The Venables Greenway Project,** which hopes to bring together the Strathcona and Commercial Drive communities.
- **The Integrated Arts Hub,** which proposed the creation of an arts hub centreed on the Great Northern Way Campus.

His team's submission, Darn, proposing the creation of pedestrian and bicycle bridges to repair the Eastern Core holes, won the Connecting the Core category.

"It's a good way to envision a new form of urban development in Vancouver and on a global scale," he said.

Opinion split on pipeline support

Members of a British Columbia First Nation where hereditary chiefs have voiced support for the Northern Gateway pipeline appear split over the controversial project.

On Friday, a group of hereditary chiefs from the Gitxsan in northwestern B.C. announced it had accepted Enbridge Inc.'s offer of an equity stake in the $5.5-billion project.

In announcing the agreement, Chief Elmer Derrick heralded his community's "trusted" relationship with Enbridge, and he estimated the deal would be worth at least $7 million for the Gitxsan.

But shortly after the announcement, a group claiming to represent other hereditary chiefs, including Geri McDougall, and four Gitxsan bands issued a news release denouncing the agreement.

The release said members of the Gitxsan nation weren't consulted about the Northern Gateway agreement, and argued it was wrong to sign a deal before the environmental-impact assessment process is finished.

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RCMP eyeing on drunk drivers

The RCMP is ready to hand out hefty punishments to people who drink and drive this holiday season.

On Friday, the Lower Mainland District Traffic Services kicked off their Christmas counterattack campaign to reduce drunk driving with an enforcement blitz in Langley.

According to Norm Gaumont, head of the RCMP Traffic Services in the Lower Mainland, the overturning of some of the DUI rules by the B.C. Supreme Court last Wednesday will not affect officers' abilities to hand out punishment for driving under the influence.

If someone should blow between .06-08, they may still be prohibited from driving for three to 30 days or their car may be impounded, said Gaumont.

KENDRA WONG

News in brief

Body found near Burnaby Lake

Homicide investigators are awaiting autopsy results after a body was found near Burnaby Lake Friday morning. RCMP received a 911 call when a body was found in the bushes near Fareham Avenue and Elwell Road, just south of the TransCanda Highway.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Prison death an apparent homicide

A homicide investigation has been launched after an inmate was found dead at a Mission prison. Correctional Service of Canada officers found the victim unresponsive inside his cell at approximately 10:45 p.m. on Friday. Investigators have determined that the death is suspicious.

DAVID PROCTOR

More tankers in Burrard Inlet

Advocacy groups are appalled by the National Energy Board's decision to allow an increase in oil-tanker traffic through the Burrard inlet without public consultation.

Last week, the NEB approved a further 27,000 barrels of oil daily along the Trans Mountain pipeline, which runs from Edmonton to Burnaby.

"We're concerned it's being done entirely by stealth," said Greenpeace spokesman Keith Stewart.

The increase in tanker traffic (from 22 vessels in 2005 to 79 last year) has been gradual but alarming, said Ben West of the wilderness committee.

The latest NEB approval would bring another 10 tankers through the Burrard Inlet each year, said West.

"What I'd like to see is a broader conversation provincewide about whether we want to be an export facility or manage our own supply," he said.

West said a report by Canada's auditor general found oil-spill contingency plans to be inadequate.

"We are woefully unprepared to deal with an oil spill," he said.

Stewart added, "The best way to prevent large oil spills is to prevent large oil transport."

The NEB claimed that a public hearing was unnecessary because the company did not request pipeline or facility expansion.

The announcement came on the one-year anniversary of the Save the Fraser declaration, which aims to keep oil projects from crossing through First Nations territory.

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Shaking the status quo

Singapore SlutWalk protests sexual violence against women

Hundreds of people gathered at a park in Singapore yesterday to protest sexual violence against women as part of the global SlutWalk movement, in a rare public demonstration in the tightly controlled city state.

The event featured live music, speeches and a women's Muay Thai martial-arts exhibition at downtown Singapore's Speakers' Corner, the only public outdoor space where demonstrations are allowed in the Southeast Asian country.

Participants at the rally did not dress provocatively as some activists have in SlutWalks in U.S. and Canadian cities.

"The idea was not to vamp it up, because women can get raped regardless of what they're wearing," said Vanessa Ho, who organized the event with six friends. "We're trying to raise awareness against victim-blaming and slut-shaming."

SlutWalk marches have been held in cities around the world, including earlier this year in New Delhi and Sydney. The protests originated in Toronto, where they were sparked by a police officer's remark that women could avoid being raped by not dressing like "sluts."

"The world is dominated by males, so there's a male mentality," said Esaint Chiang, a 21-year-old student who attended yesterday's protest. "I think it's a good idea to bring awareness to these issues, but I like that they're not being so provocative, playing by the rules."

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▶ Jess Hutch, left, takes a picture of fellow volunteer Jillian Yue wearing SlutWalk underwear as people gather at Hong Lim Park as part of the global SlutWalk movement in Singapore yesterday.

Date rape

- Corinna Lim, executive director of the Singapore women's-rights group Aware, said many sexual assault cases go unreported, especially date rape.
- Aware recently started a hotline for sexual abuse victims and offers to accompany women to the police and the hospital after an assault.
- "The family of the victim will sometimes say, 'What were you wearing?' " Lim said. "Singapore women have modernized quite quickly in a short time, but Singapore is still a very conservative society."

KENTUCKY CHURCH

Interracial ban is nullified

The pastor of an eastern Kentucky church whose members had voted to bar mixed-race couples from joining the congregation says that decision has been declared null and void.

Stacy Stepp is pastor of the Gulnare Free Will Baptist Church in Pike County. Stepp yesterday said that the church body can't pass new bylaws if they run contrary to local, state or national laws. He said the proposal that was approved in a 9-6 vote last week was discriminatory, therefore it couldn't be adopted.The church has about 40 people who attend.

The move comes after Stepp, who says he opposed the policy, asked for advice from the Sandy Valley Conference of Free Will Baptists.

Stepp said about 30 people who attended church services yesterday voted on a new resolution that welcomes "believers into our fellowship regardless of race, creed or colour."

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Consular services in the red

Earthquakes, explosions and mudslides blew a hole in Foreign Affairs' budget for consular services to Canadians last year, creating the first deficit since the evacuation of Canadians from Lebanon five years ago.

The department posted a $5.2-million deficit in 2010-2011 for the consular services provided by its diplomatic missions, including help for Canadians hit by an earthquake in Haiti and by an explosion at a Mexican resort. The department is required to recoup the cost of consular services through a general levy on each passport issued to Canadians, currently $25 for each adult.

But the levy revenue is not keeping up with costs, increasing pressure on the department to hike the fee — just as Passport Canada is proposing to significantly raise the basic cost of its new ePassports, which debut next year.

Foreign Affairs has racked up consular-affairs deficits in three of the last six years, the largest in 2006-2007, when it was forced to absorb most of the cost of evacuating Canadians from Lebanon in the summer.

The consular account is currently running a $30-million cumulative deficit, says an internal Foreign Affairs report.

The report notes it cost about $94 million to provide consular services abroad in 2010-2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

India. Violence

Muslims defy curfew in Kashmir

Authorities used batons, tear gas and water cannons to break up Muslim religious processions held yesterday in defiance of a strict curfew in the main Indian-controlled city of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, police said. At least 70 people were detained after police imposed the curfew in some parts of Srinagar to prevent gatherings marking the Muslim month of Muharram from developing into anti-India protests, police said.

News in brief

Giant pandas land in U.K.

LONDON, ENGLAND. Two giant pandas from China landed yesterday in Scotland, where they will become the first to live in Britain in nearly two decades.

The eight-year-old pair, named Tian Tian and Yang Guang — or Sweetie and Sunshine — touched down at Edinburgh Airport on a specially chartered Boeing 777 flight called the "Panda Express."

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Indonesia wall collapse kills 11

MAKASSAR, INDONESIA. Police say 11 people were killed when a high concrete wall collapsed in a housing complex on central Indonesia's Sulawesi island.

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Zambia dismisses call to arrest Bush

Zambia has dismissed an international rights group's call for the arrest on torture charges of former president George W. Bush, who has been touring Africa to raise awareness about cancer.

"On what basis does Amnesty International want us to arrest President Bush?" Foreign Affairs Minister Chishimba Kambwili asked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anti-gay law may stall AIDS fight in Nigeria

A bill originally designed to outlaw gay marriage in Nigeria likely has consequences far beyond its initial scope — criminalizing gay groups and organizations could jeopardize millions of dollars of Western aid geared toward stopping the spread of HIV and AIDS. Nigeria likely cannot afford to scorn foreign aid in the fight against HIV-AIDS, experts say.

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Iran strikes U.S. spy plane

Country confirmed in 2005 that U.S. has been spying on its nuclear facilities with drones Holds regular drills against attacks

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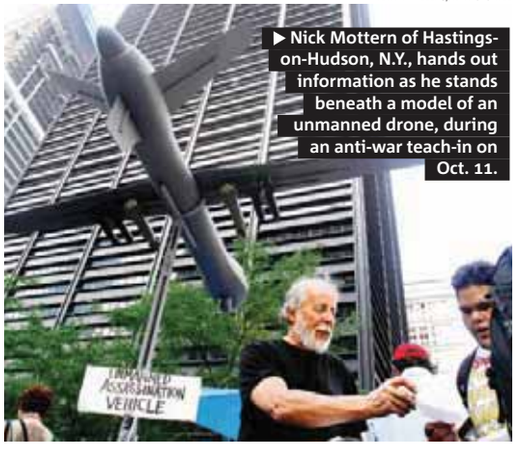

▶ Nick Mottern of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., hands out information as he stands beneath a model of an unmanned drone, during an anti-war teach-in on Oct. 11.

Iran's armed forces have shot down an unmanned U.S. spy plane that violated Iranian airspace along the country's eastern border, the official IRNA news agency reported yesterday.

An unidentified military official quoted in the report warned of a strong and crushing response to any violations of the country's airspace by American drone aircraft.

"An advanced RQ-170 unmanned American spy plane was shot down by Iran's armed forces. It suffered minor damage and is now in possession of Iran's armed forces," IRNA quoted the official as saying. No further details were published.

The U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan said in a statement the aircraft may be an American drone that its operators lost contact with last week while it was flying a mission over neighbouring western Afghanistan.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the classified nature of the incident, said the U.S. had "absolutely no indication" that the drone was shot down.

Iran is locked in a dispute with the U.S. and its allies over Tehran's disputed nuclear program, which the West believes is aimed at developing nuclear weapons.

Iran denies the accusations, maintaining its nuclear program is entirely peaceful and that it seeks for the purpose of generating electricity and produce isotopes to treat medical patients. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Out of the sky

The type of aircraft Iran says it downed, an RQ-170 Sentinel, is made by Lockheed Martin.

- **It was reportedly used to** keep watch on Osama bin Laden's compond in Pakistan as the raid that killed him was taking place earlier this year.
- **The surveillance aircraft is** equipped with stealth technology, but the U.S. Air Force has not made public any specific details.

Ex-UN chief disheartened by climate situation

Yvo de Boer said he left his job as the UN's top climate official in frustration 18 months ago, believing the process of negotiating a meaningful climate agreement was failing. His opinion hasn't changed.

De Boer said world leaders have failed to become deeply engaged in efforts to reach an international accord to control greenhouse-gas emissions causing global warming. In recent years, their inattention has been compounded by their preoccupation with the economic and eurozone crises.

Negotiators have been at the job so long — since the 1992 climate convention — that they have lost touch with the real world, he said. But it wasn't their fault.

"I completely understand that it is very difficult for a negotiator to move if you haven't been given a political sense of direction and the political space to move,'' he said,

For three years until 2010, the Dutch civil servant was the leading voice on global warming on the world stage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"You've got a bunch of international leaders sitting 85 storeys up on the edge of a building, saying to each other, 'You jump first and I'll follow.' And there is understandably a reluctance to be the first one to jump."

YVO DE BOER, FORMER UN CLIMATE CHIEF

HARALD TITTE/ AP PHOTO

▶ A defused Second World War bomb floats in the Rhine River near Koblenz, Germany, yesterday.

WWII bomb defused

A massive British Second World War-era bomb that triggered the evacuation of about half of the 107,000 residents of Germany's western city of Koblenz was successfully defused yesterday, authorities said.

It was one of Germany's biggest bomb-related evacuations since the war ended with some 2,500 police officers, firefighters and paramedics on duty across the city to secure the operation.

Some 45,000 residents, living within a radius of about two kilometres from the bomb site had to leave their houses early yesterday before the evacuation order was lifted in the evening, the city said on its website. Among those ordered to evacuate were seven nursing homes, two hospitals and a prison with some 200 inmates.

The British bomb could have caused massive damage in case it exploded.

"I did my job, that was all," lead defusing expert Horst Lenz told local daily Rhein Zeitung.

Finding unexploded bombs dropped by the Allies over Germany during World War II is common over 65 years after the war's end. The explosives are usually defused without causing injuries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAJORITY

Islamists dominate Egypt election

Islamist parties captured an overwhelming majority of votes in the first round of Egypt's parliamentary elections, setting up a power struggle with the much weaker liberals behind the uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak 10 months ago.

A hard-line religious group that wants to impose strict Islamic law made a strong showing with nearly a quarter of the ballots, according to results released yesterday. The tallies offer only a partial indication of how the new parliament will look.

There are still two more rounds of voting in 18 of the country's 27 provinces over the coming month and runoff elections on Monday and Tuesday to determine almost all of the seats allocated for individuals in the first round. But the grip of the Islamists over the next parliament appears set, particularly considering their popularity in provinces voting in the next rounds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Finish. Line

▶ Kenya's Willy Kibor Koitile crosses the finish line to win the Shanghai Marathon yesterday.

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Runner sets new record

Willy Kibor Koitile of Kenya weaved through Shanghai's 42-kilometre course with a record time of 2:10:21 at the 2011 Toray Cup Shanghai International Marathon yesterday. He takes the place of three-time champion Gashaw Melese of Ethiopia. Koitile ran 1 minute and 15 seconds faster than Melese, who secured his third consecutive win last year.

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▶ Russian police officers detain an opposition activist during a protest against vote rigging in St. Petersburg, Russia, yesterday. Russians cast their ballots with muted enthusiasm in parliamentary elections.

Putin party loses grasp?

- About 60 per cent of registered voters cast ballots
- Some 5,300 complaints to monitoring group, Gomos

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party struggled to hang on to its majority in Russia's parliamentary election, suggesting Russians were wearying of the man who has dominated Russian politics for more than a decade.

Rival parties and election monitors said even a result of around 50 per cent was inflated, alleging ballot-stuffing and other significant violations at the polls.

Putin wanted to see his United Russia party do well in yesterday's election as a sign of popular support for his return to the presidency in a vote now three months away. Despite the sobering setback, he was still expected to have little trouble reclaiming the position he held from 2000 to 2008.

Putin has systematically destroyed potential challengers and most Russians do not see any credible alternatives, despite growing dissatisfaction with his strongman style. Grumbling over pervasive official corruption and the gap between ordinary people and the superrich has become widespread. In a statement, Putin said "We can ensure the stable development of the country with this result." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Two Mounties shot during standoff

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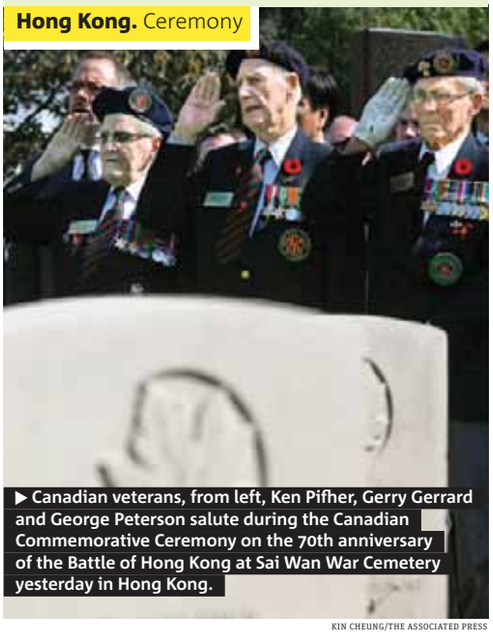
Two RCMP officers were shot early yesterday during a standoff southwest of Edmonton.

Both were transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries following an exchange of gunfire at 3:30 a.m. at a rural residence 18 kilometres west of the Village of Breton. "They're non-life-threatening injures," said RCMP Sgt. Tim Taniguchi. "One is superficial and the other is more serious."

The officers, from Red Deer and members of the RCMP emergency-response team, were called at 5:20 p.m. Saturday following a complaint that a 35-year-old man had been shot outside the home. That man was transported to hospital.

Taniguchi did not reveal any details of how the gunfire exchange started, but the standoff came to an end just before 11 a.m. yesterday, when both a man and a woman from inside were taken into custody.

Hong Kong. Ceremony



▶ Canadian veterans, from left, Ken Pifher, Gerry Gerrard and George Peterson salute during the Canadian Commemorative Ceremony on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Hong Kong at Sai Wan War Cemetery yesterday in Hong Kong.

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Honouring war dead

The ceremony honoured the 1,975 Canadian soldiers who fought to defend Hong Kong during the Second World War, and remembered over 550 Canadian soldiers who died in the battle.

Wreaths for fallen heroes

- Families attend ceremony that for many will turn into tradition
- First Sunday of Dec. to mark event

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Hundreds of families helped lay more than 2,700 wreaths on headstones to honour veterans buried at the Beechwood Cemetery at a special ceremony yesterday that, for many, will turn into a tradition.

Gail Evans Lalonde helped lay a wreath for her father, David Evans, a gunner for the Canadian army during the Second World War. He injured his leg in a motorcycle accident during night patrol in Italy and was brought home by an English hospital ship on VE Day.

He died on June 12, 2000, in Canada.

Lalonde brought her twin grandchildren Maggie and Matthew, 10, and their sister, Emma, 15, to the ceremony. Their aunt Judy came, too, as they listened to Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Walter Natynczyk deliver a speech about offering respect and dignity to Canada's veterans.

"Look at it — it's stunning to see this," said Lalonde as she glanced over rows upon rows of balsam wreaths sitting at the foot of each headstone. "It was a wonderful idea to commemorate and remember all of the people."

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Bus strikes and kills Montreal girl

A five-year-old girl was struck and killed by a city bus in Montreal, police said yesterday.

The bus was headed toward a reserved parking area at a busy subway terminus in the city's east end Saturday evening and hit the girl as she was crossing the street.

The child was rushed to hospital, where she died soon after, said Montreal police Const. Daniel Lacoursiere. The girl's parents were treated for shock. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ From left, NDP Leadership candidates Nathan Cullen, Romeo Saganash and Robert Chisholm take part in the first round of debates in Ottawa yesterday.

No surprises in NDP leadership debate

500 New Democrats attended first debate ◐ Five more to come in the new year

For anyone hoping to separate the wheat from the chaff in the NDP leadership contest, Sunday's first all-candidates debate provided little grist for the mill.

With nine candidates vying to make their mark during the two-hour debate, no one had a real opportunity to shine — or fall flat.

The affair was largely collegial, with candidates sticking closely to tried-and-true social democratic bromides for the ailing economy and rarely disagreeing.

The only sparks came during a brief exchange between Brian Topp, the former party president, backroom strategist and confidante of the late Jack Layton, and Paul Dewar. That Topp chose to challenge Dewar over how he would pay for his spending promises had New Democrats buzzing that the presumptive frontrunner must feel threatened by the Ottawa MP.

The leadership vote will take place March 24.

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Occupy Winnipeg camp heats up

The Occupy Winnipeg camp saw another suspicious fire on the weekend, the third one reported in less than two weeks.

Firefighters responded to a 911 call that came in at 3:40 a.m. Saturday and extinguished a fire set on the ground under a white festival tent. Nobody was injured in the fire, which ignited a square section of carpeting in the middle of the tent.

Winnipeg Police Service Const. Rob Carver said only grass was damaged and no accelerants were used.

Police questioned an individual walking in the area, but his alibi checked out.

Occupier Rob Gaumond said it's not clear if the fire was another arson attempt or a homeless person trying to keep warm.

He said four empty tents were also vandalized — trampled and ripped apart — around the time of Saturday's fire.

Gaumond believes a woman, who has shown up at the camp intoxicated and threatening to "burn this place down" in the past, may be responsible for the previous two fires.

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"... don't come back. Don't start another fire. Take your anger somewhere else.
ROB GAUMOND, OCCUPIER

Repeated Fires

Occupy Winnipeg had two previous fire incidents.

- **The first fire, set under the** same white tent, was put out by a local resident. An Occupier said it appeared to be a deliberate attempt to burn the tent down. Police could not confirm this.
- **The second fire, two days** later used an accelerant and destroyed a brand-new all-season tent.

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▶ Italy's welfare minister Elsa Fornero

Italy OKs austerity measures

Prime Minister Mario Monti said yesterday his government of technocrats has approved a package of austerity and growth measures worth $40.53 billion to "reawaken" the Italian economy and help save the euro common currency from collapse.

The measures include immediate cuts to the costs of maintaining Italy's bulky political class as well as significant measures to fight tax evasion, Monti told a news conference following a three-hour cabinet meeting. Monti will outline the measures today in Parliament, which must approve them.

"A lot depends on how well or not we explain to the citizens what we are trying to do," Monti said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Market moment

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Electric car-sharing in Paris

2,000 drivers are already signed up to the eco-friendly program

Paris, in its latest bid to be an innovator of the City of Tomorrow, is launching an electric car-sharing program to cut air and noise pollution.

Autolib', a project built on the success of the city's bike-rental scheme, makes its debut yesterday and officials want the self-service e-cars to be as much a part of Paris life as the Eiffel Tower or Notre Dame Cathedral.

While many world cities have been developing greener alternatives to carbon-emitting vehicles, Paris says its program is the biggest of its kind: 250 vehicles hit the road on Monday, 2,000 are expected by next summer and 3,000 are planned within the next two years.

The four-seat compact Bluecar is a collaboration of Italian car designer Pininfarina and French conglomerate Groupe Bollore, which hopes to showcase its lithium battery.

"The city's first interest is fighting air pollution. These cars not only don't emit carbon dioxide, but localized exhaust fumes either," said Sylvain Marty, who heads the Autolib' partnership led by Paris and private-sector affiliates. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ A parking station for the Autolib' electric car-share program in Paris.

More content coming to Netflix Canada

Netflix is promising that 2012 will be a big year for the company in Canada, with plans to double its acquisition spending for movies and TV shows and give Canadians access to more quality content — although it still won't match the selection available in the U.S. In a letter, Netflix said next year's spending boost would give the Canadian service "comparable content quality" to the U.S. site **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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OIL RAMP-UP IS BUMBLING, CRUDE

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Did you know that a recent decision by the National Energy Board makes it possible for suppliers to ship an extra 27,000 barrels of oil a day out of Vancouver?

Well, you do now.

And what do you think about that? Not that it matters, as the NEB didn't bother to consult anybody about its decision, and that includes the mayors of our fair region.

The NEB says it doesn't have to consult anybody because the application from energy company Kinder Morgan to increase volumes doesn't require any expansion of facilities.

Except that in a separate decision, the NEB allowed Kinder Morgan to twin the Trans Mountain pipeline from Edmonton, also without consulting anyone.

"I'm sitting here trying to visualize 27,000 barrels of oil lined up along the docks. And then what that 27,000 barrels looks like dumped into Burrard Inlet. Even worse, one tanker carries 550,000 barrels of oil. At that point, the mind goes TILT."

Oh, so is that where the extra oil will come from? The oilsands?

OK, so we have a new pipeline pumping new oil to the same old port and nobody told the people anything.

And if that's not bad enough, the Coast Guard readiness plan to deal with a possible oil spill hasn't been updated in a decade. It's not clear that we're able to cope with a spill at the current levels of shipping, never mind at an increased level.

I'm sitting here trying to visualize 27,000 barrels of oil lined up along the docks. And then what that 27,000 barrels looks like dumped into Burrard Inlet. Even worse, one tanker carries 550,000 barrels of oil. At that point, the mind goes TILT.

Thoughtful people never forget that Canada is a fortunate country because it sits on a vast supply of natural resources and has the wealth and capacity to develop them and generate more wealth. And that wealth means jobs and education and health care and 70-inch flat-screen TVs. (It's my list, OK?) The oilsands will pump trillions into the Canadian economy, and we should keep that in mind.

But thoughtful people also look a gift horse in the mouth. Just ask the Trojans what happens when you don't. And it's hard to trust when the people safeguarding that trust don't even bother to include you in the discussion.

Sure, it takes longer. And the usual suspects get out their soapboxes and start whining and complaining. If they had their way, we'd live in yurts and eat fungus. But if you ask me, I'd rather live in a yurt than in a puddle of toxic sludge.

Not that anyone bothered to ask me.

Local poker players going all in for charity

NEWS WORTH SHARING

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate individuals, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here's just one.

Get ready for a full house. Some local card sharks will be gambling for a good cause this week as the Starlight Casino hosts a charity poker tournament.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Starlight will donate $10 from every tournament registration fee to Team Diabetes, the national activity fundraising program for the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA).

"Team Diabetes … promotes a healthy and active lifestyle," says Rebecca Taylor, manager of community giving at the CDA.

The group helps people prepare for walks, runs, hikes and cycling excursions while also raising money for diabetes research, education, services and advocacy.

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All the Queen's bikers

Group of bikers ... from the army

LONDON. For Queen and country ... and motorbike junkies. The display team of the British army's Royal Signals White Helmets strike a practice pose ahead of the military tournament at Earls Court. Some 700 servicemen and women perform stunts that feature skills they use in the field. MWN

Defying death? It's an honour, sir

ATTRIBUTES. According to their website, the team of 30 volunteer soldiers demonstrate "all the personal qualities demanded of the modern Royal Signals soldier." What that entails is performing death-defying acrobatics and riding within millimetres of each other at speeds of up to 130 km/h. MWN

White Helmets

- **Equipment.** British Millennium Triumph 750cc motorcycle, producing 46bhp and weighing just under 200kg.
- **Bit of a showoff.** "I can ride that better backwards than forwards," Cpl. Jason (Gyppo) Hooper wrote on an online forum.

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Eye on the detectives

Grab your deerstalker cap — Sherlock Holmes is back this month Robert Downey Jr. reprises his role as everyone's favourite gumshoe in the Game of Shadows To mark the release, we pit film and television's criminal investigators against each other in a sleuth-off

Scooby-Doo
The heart and soul of the Mystery Inc. gang may get the heebie-jeebies at the outset of every adventure, but give him some crunchy courage in the form of Scooby Snacks and he becomes doggone heroic.

Batman
Psychopathic baddies like Joker and Riddler love to taunt the caped crusader with twisted puzzles. In order to clean up the streets of Gotham City, Batman has to do equal parts of mental heavy lifting and Sok-Kapowing.

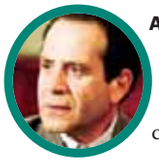
Winner: Batman
In the battle of slapstick versus beat-with-a-stick detective work, the Dark Knight leaves the Great Dane crying "rrr-uncle."

Lt. Debra Morgan (Dexter)
Dexter's sis may not piece together crimes as quickly as her blood-spatter expert/serial killing bro, but she's still got the sharpest tongue and coolest head on Miami Metro's homicide division.

Deputy Chief Brenda Leigh Johnson (The Closer)
Major Crimes' cunning interrogator disarms suspects with her trademark genial "thank you, thank you so much" Southern charm before going in for the kill.

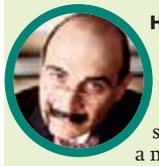
Winner: Brenda Leigh Johnson
While they're both highly capable workaholics, Morgan's solve rate suffers because her brother hampers investigations to satisfy his dark passenger.

Lt. Columbo
Outwardly naive and absentminded, the sly detective, in his rumpled trench coat and battered Peugeot, gave suspects a false sense of security before tripping them up with a few final questions. "And oh, just one more thing…"



Adrian Monk
Despite being socially awkward, hamstrung by a severe case of OCD, and afflicted with a host of phobias including germs, milk and dentists, when it comes to solving crimes he is a genius.

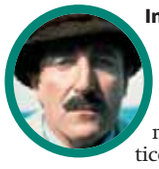
Winner: Adrian Monk
When the defective detective is on the trail, it never grows cold. And it doesn't hurt that he has a blonde sidekick to carry his disinfectant hand-wipes.



Hercule Poirot
One of the least physically active detectives, this Belgian sleuth prefers to work from the comforts of his easy chair. Using his "little grey cells", he solves epic mysteries while maintaining a meticulously groomed moustache.

Miss Marple
This prim octogenarian spinster seems more inclined to knit a pair of mittens then solve a grisly murder. Don't let her little old lady looks fool you. Miss Marple is a straight up O.G. with a mind like a bacon slicer.

Winner: Hercule Poirot
The sheer international import of Poirot, who put Belgium on the map decades before the Muscles from Brussels, puts him firmly in the catbird seat.



Inspector Jacques Clouseau
He has no discernable powers of deduction and possesses an uncanny knack for ignoring the obvious. But in the end, the pride of the French Sûreté still manages to bring the bad guys to justice, albeit accidentally.

Inspector Gadget
Though he can do almost anything thanks to an arsenal of cybernetic attachments, Gadget is clueless. But thanks to his whip-smart niece Penny and her dog Brain, Gadget bats one thousand when it comes to foiling Dr. Claw.

Winner: Inspector Gadget
While both are bumbling nitwits, Gadget's entourage reduces Clouseau to French toast. This article will now self destruct.

MIKE DOJC

A different kind of Blueprint

Jay-Z's raps provide basis for college class as professor probes lyrics with academic lens

Michael Eric Dyson parses Jay-Z's lyrics as if analyzing fine literature. The rapper's riffs on luxury cars and tailored clothes and boasts of being the "Mike Jordan of recording" may make for catchy rhymes, but to Dyson, they also reflect incisive social commentary.

Dyson, a professor, author, radio host and television personality, has offered at Georgetown University this semester a popular — if unusual — class dedicated to Jay-Z and his career. The course, Sociology of Hip Hop: Jay-Z, may seem an unlikely offering at a Jesuit, majority-white school that counts former President Bill Clinton among its alumni.

But Dyson insists that his class confronts topics present in any sociology course: racial and gender identity, sexuality, capitalism and economic inequality.

"It just happens to have an interesting object of engagement in Jay-Z — and what better way to meet people where they are?" Dyson said. "It's like Jesus talking to the woman at the well. You ask for a drink of water, then you get into some theological discussions."

Dyson says Jay-Z, whose real name is Shawn Carter, is a worthy subject because of his diversity of business interests — a clothing entrepreneur, he's also a part owner of the NBA's New Jersey Nets (soon to move to his native New York borough of Brooklyn) — as well as his immense cross-cultural appeal and "lyrical prowess" in articulating contemporary black culture and his place in it.

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Music lesson

- Classes centred on pop culture superstars like Bruce Springsteen have sprouted on college campuses in recent years; Dyson himself says he's previously taught classes on Tupac Shakur and Marvin Gaye.

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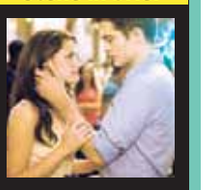
Scene in brief



The latest Twilight movie still cast the longest shadow with $16.9 million for a third-straight No. 1 finish during one of the year's slowest weekends at the box office. Business was dismal, with box-office tracker Hollywood.com estimating Sunday that domestic revenues totalled just $82 million. That puts it barely ahead of Hollywood's worst haul of the year, when revenues were $81.5 million over the second weekend in September. Summit Entertainment's blockbuster The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 raised its domestic haul to $247.3 million. Coming in second again was Disney's The Muppets with $11.2 million, lifting the family film's domestic total to $56.1 million.

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Utah home inspired by movie Up sold for $400,000 to Disney fanatics

Does the Lioness Roar?

Amy Winehouse is back with a record of lost works
How will it affect her legacy?

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▶ Two tracks from Amy Winehouse's posthumous album surfaced last week.

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Amy Winehouse's first release since she died in July comes out on Monday. As early as September, word got out that this would not be the revered "third album" that she was reportedly working on at the time of her death, but a compilation of unreleased songs from 2002 through March of this year.

Though a complete version of Lioness: Hidden Treasures was not available at press time, enough tracks have surfaced online to paint a relatively clear idea of what to expect.

But posthumous albums are hardly ever a full picture of an artist's intentions. One can't help but wonder how close to completion they were, according to Amy.

Two tracks surfaced last week: Between the Cheats and Halftime. Aside from the distorted bass that signals the intro of Cheats, it sounds like a straight-up oldies revival in the tradition of Beauty School Dropout. Halftime is more likely to be a legacy cementer though. With its smooth Mary J mood and lyrics about how important her chosen profession was to her, this 2002 tune is almost a fitting epitaph.

"The music is a gift," she sings, "and it's stronger than all else, provides me with a bliss."

Other posthumous offerings:

Janis Joplin

Pearl (1971)
This album is full of those proverbial "what if" moments, as well as a lot of eerie lyrical moments. The album opens with Joplin singing, "You say that it's over, baby," and it is stinging to hear her sing "I'd trade all of my tomorrows for one single yesterday" in her performance of the album's biggest hit, Me and Bobby McGee.

Bob Marley and the Whalers Confrontation (1983)

This is a solid reggae album, but Uprising the album that Marley released the year before he died of cancer, is the more appropriate farewell. But Confrontation, which his widow Rita put together, does a great job celebrating his life rather on dwelling on his final recorded note, which was the stark and triumphant Redemption Song.

Michael Jackson
Michael (2010)

Many close to the King of Pop contend Michael Jackson would not deem Michael worthy of his royal catalogue. Though it's no Thriller, it's a fine collection. The album features guest performances by Akon, 50 Cent, Lenny Kravitz and Dave Grohl.

Sublime
Sublime (1996)

By the time Sublime singer Bradley Nowell died of a heroin overdose in 1996, his band's major label debut was already in the can. The celebratory music within hardly foreshadowed any tragedy, and was true to his intentions. Of course, the requisite videos that were assembled using existing footage and slowed down to pretend he was mouthing the songs were probably not what anybody had in mind.

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Montreal-area native ready to channel Freddie Mercury for Queen cover band

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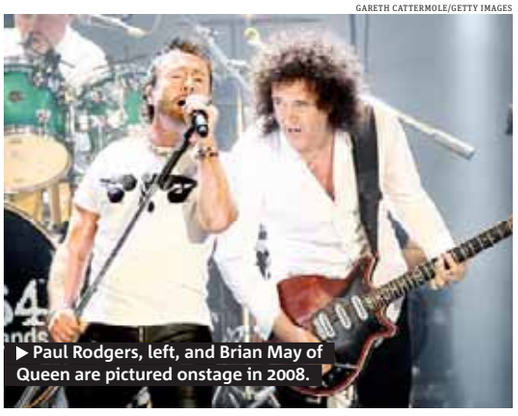

▶ Paul Rodgers, left, and Brian May of Queen are pictured onstage in 2008.

At first glance, clean-cut Christian rocker Marc Martel might not seem the obvious choice to reincarnate Freddie Mercury, Queen's flamboyant lead singer.

But when the boyish-looking Montreal-area native opens his mouth and belts out some of the British band's songs, it's as though Mercury is in the room.

"We definitely have a very similar instrument as far as our vocal cords go," Martel said in a telephone interview as he prepared for the final round of auditions in Los Angeles on Monday for The Queen Extravaganza Tour.

Martel, who is based in Nashville, Tenn., is one of the finalists to interpret Mercury in a Queen cover band being set up by Roger Taylor, the former drummer of the legendary group.

Martel hasn't yet met Taylor, who will produce the tour, and says the thought of doing so is "kind of surreal now."

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▶ Marc Martel

Martel, 35, has already performed Queen's Somebody To Love on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and won the MTV O Award for Best Fan Cover.

His audition video on YouTube has recorded more than five million hits.

The other six Canadians who will audition for Taylor and a panel of judges for spots in the band are vocalist David Martel (yes, they're brothers); Edmonton vocalist Tyler Martin; Toronto guitarists Roy Ziv and Tristan Avakian; Vancouver guitarist Jason Du Preez; and bassist Francois-Olivier Doyon from Quebec City.

There are 26 hopefuls in all. A decision on who makes the cut is expected soon after.

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Skrillex making quick steps

Dub-step producer surprised about 5 Grammy nods, including best new artist

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▶ Skrillex

Many people were surprised when the name Skrillex was announced in the best new artist category, along with the likes of Nicki Minaj and The Band Perry, during this week's televised Grammy nominations special.

Count Skrillex as one of them.

A day after earning a whopping five nominations in total, the 23-year-old dance and dub-step producer is still taking it all in.

"It just hasn't really hit me yet," he said in a phone interview from Manchester, England, on Thursday. "I wouldn't have thought I would come this far in so many ways."

Skrillex scored the third-most nominations, matching Lil Wayne. Kanye West leads with seven nods; Adele, the Foo Fighters and Bruno Mars scored six each.

The Los Angeles-based Skrillex, born Sonny Moore, may be best known for Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites (he's also a producer on Korn's new album, The Path of Totality, out this month).

Skrillex hasn't had much success on the Billboard charts — he's more of an underground artist.

He'll have some tough competition in the best new artist category: Besides facing The Band Perry and Minaj, who were both nominated for Grammys earlier this year and have dominated their respective fields and at other awards shows, he'll compete with Bon Iver, a critical darling, and J. Cole, who had a No.1 album and is the protégé of Jay-Z.

Skrillex is nominated for best dance recording for Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites, and also nominated for best dance/electronica album for his EP, which shares the same name.

In 2010, Lady Gaga earned those trophies, and Rihanna's Only Girl (In the World) was the winner of best dance recording earlier this year.

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More Adam Beach than cowboy

Metro chats with Canadian star of Cowboys & Aliens

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Adam Beach is one of Canada's best known exports to Hollywood. He's worked with the cream of the Hollywood crop on prestige, big budget projects, but still lives in Ottawa and stays close to his Saulteaux First Nations community.

We spoke with Beach on the release of Cowboys & Aliens on DVD and Blu-Ray.

I'm told you're heavily into production now, starring in and producing three films plus working on a new CBC TV series. Is producing a necessary step toward getting the kind of work you want?

One of the reasons I'm producing is because I'm in a place where the movies provided and written don't always connect with me.

It is a lot of effort to produce, but once you connect the dots, you feel very fulfilled in fueling a project that urges you to grow. I've learned that you can't always depend on others to bring you the best material — sometimes you have to create it yourself.

I'm working with a friend of mine that I've known for over 10 years, who is a writer/director from Ottawa — we've reached a time in both our filmmaker careers that collaborating together just works. We're on the verge of potentially creating and working together over the next few years.

What are these projects?

The first project is a hit man movie where I'll play a guy recovering from a deal gone bad. And then another film that deals with the elements of survival.

Cowboys & Aliens is a mix of genres with touches of steampunk. Did you have an idea how it would look while shooting?

From the start, we knew that we were going to do something exceptional when Jon pulled us aside after the first rehearsal and said something like, 'if that's what you guys are going to do, we should just wrap up this movie and go home.'

Because he felt nobody wants to see a movie where everybody is just playing the tough guy. We realized that he was looking for a real human being touch, in the cowboy world. He wanted to see what each of us had to offer. He wanted me to bring Adam Beach to the role, and not the traditional cowboy.

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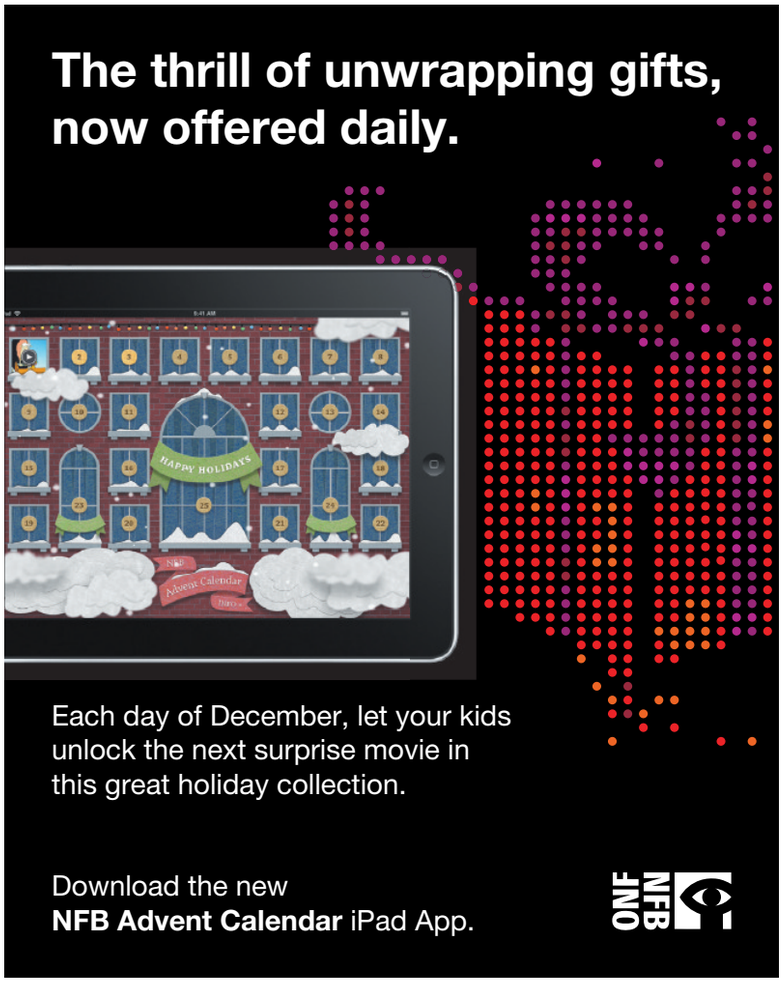
▶ Adam Beach, right, is pictured alongside Harrison Ford in Cowboys & Aliens.

There isn't a lot of space to develop character here, so how did you arrive at Nat?

In the film, Nat Colorado was adopted by Harrison Ford's character. Personally — I lost my parents when I was eight years old so I embodied and translated that into my relationship with Harrison Ford's character.

You've worked with some of the great filmmakers — Clint Eastwood, John Woo and Jon Favreau. What do you think they see in you?

Jon Favreau and I worked together on The Big Empty and he knows how hard I work and how much effort I put into my characters. So when it came to casting Nat Colorado, our work relationship was already in place. He knew I'd put in the effort and do a good job.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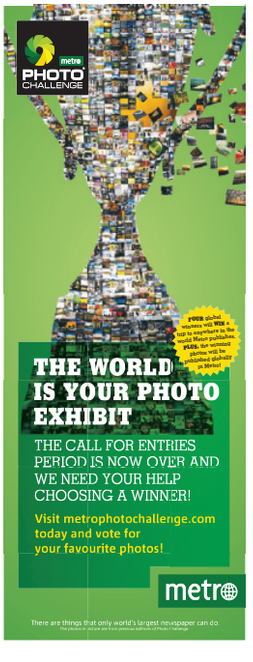
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Brooke Mueller is busted...again

Charlie Sheen's ex arrested on drug and assault charges: People magazine
Mueller has custody of their 2 kids Second arrest for cocaine possession

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It was a slow weekend for celebrities behaving badly, but luckily for gossip columnists everywhere, Brooke Mueller still can't get her act together.

That lady parties more than most Hollywood celebs combined.

The latest indiscretions of Charlie Sheen's ex? After a wild Friday night, she was arrested in Aspen on assault and drug charges, according to People magazine.

(Why always Aspen? Doesn't she ever go skiing out there?)

The mother of two and frequent rehab resident was picked up at the nightclub Escobar after another female patron complained to police about an altercation.

"Mueller was arrested and charged with assault in the third degree and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute," an Aspen police official says.

"Mueller posted bond of $11,000 and was released with a district court date of Dec.19, 2011."

This was Mueller's second arrest for cocaine possession. In July, she had just finished a 30-day rehab session.

Although this seems like not-so-huge news, be prepared for a Sheen media onslaught this week, as Mueller has custody of their two children.

And just when you thought you'd get through the year without hearing from him again.

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▶ Brooke Mueller's mug shot taken Saturday in Aspen, Colorado.

Cooper isn't buying it

Bradley Cooper doesn't necessarily enjoy being the Sexiest Man Alive, a title recently bestowed upon him by People magazine.

"It's been a weird couple of weeks. I did originally laugh and then I just started crying," Cooper tells British website OMG.

"I guess it's a bit of a joke. I hope that it won't change things." In fact, while other actors might see the title as an achievement, Cooper is worried it might become something of an impediment to his acting career. "I'm glad it doesn't detract from my work, I hope it doesn't," he says. "It would be unfortunate it if did because I'm not really that guy at all." METRO

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▶ Bradley Cooper

Baby Simpson still gender-less

While she's previously used male pronouns while discussing her unborn child, Jessica Simpson admits she doesn't really know what it's going to be.

I think it's a girl, but I don't know yet," Simpson says, according to Hollyscoop, though her fiancé, Eric Johnson, disagrees: "I think it's a boy. We're pretty much at a standstill there," he says.

"I don't think we can wait. Jessica is too honest about everything, she needs to know. I don't think she can hold that secret to herself." METRO

▶ Jessica Simpson

Brit turns 30

Britney Spears celebrated her 30th birthday last Friday by strapping on skates and going ice skating with boyfriend Jason Trawick, according to Us Weekly.

The singer took a break from the current South American leg of her tour with a quick trip to a rink in Houston, Texas.

The couple — who are rumoured to be talking about getting engaged — were all smiles on the ice. METRO

Britney Spears

Celebrity tweets

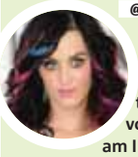
@craigyferg

Playboy interviewed me but rejected my pictorial. Probably for the best

@Joan_Rivers

Hey, Winona Ryder (she follows me on Twitter), just a reminder: There are only 21 more shoplifting days left til Christmas.

@katyperry



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How to explain Santa

Even parents who loathe the commercial aspect of the holiday season can't get away from Santa Claus What are the implications of lying to children about the myth that is Father Christmas? And when are children ready to hear the truth about St. Nick?

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Imagine you're three years old and a fat bearded man in a red suit starts laughing in your face. You'd be confused. Scared. And you'd probably run to Mommy.

So when and how do you tell your child about who, exactly, this man is?

They should be ready to understand the background story of Father Christmas at about age three, says Dr. Jerome Singer, professor emeritus of psychology and child study at Yale University, and a specialist in children's imagination.

"Before that it's confusing to the child. At three, four and five years, children are doing a great deal of pretending and make believe anyway."

Either way, you can't escape the myth.

"If your children go to school and are part of mainstream society, then it's hard to see how you can avoid it," says Oliver James, a clinical psychologist and author.

"At age two, three and four, children are living a wild fantasy life already. The idea that there is a big man flying around the world giving gifts shouldn't be a hard sell," he says.

Parents shouldn't worry about participating in the great red-and-white lie.

"Lying is an integral part of life from an early age; children witness parents saying (to unwelcome callers) 'tell him I'm not in'" says James. "So there's nothing too complicated about that."

In fact, fantasizing about Santa's adventures could benefit a child's cognitive development.

"There are many advantages for the child developing relatively early a capacity for pretending and imagination," says Singer.

Children with active imaginations at an early age learn new vocabularies, master the idea of possibilities by experimenting with different social situations, trying them out and seeing what works and what doesn't, so they learn to self-regulate, Singer explains.

Communicate with your kids about the Santa myth, says Singer, and be alert to factors that will confuse them, including different Santas appearing in shops and on TV.

Most kids find out the truth from siblings or at school. Don't push kids who want to believe but prepare them for the truth as they hit early school age.

"At three, four and five years, children are doing a great deal of pretending and make believe anyway."
JEROME SINGER, PSYCHOLOGIST

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▶ Who is this Santa Claus guy anyway?

Festive joy

"What would you like for Christmas?" This question seems easy enough. But as the options multiply the answer becomes more and more complicated... and expensive! Make time for the pleasures of family this Christmas: skating on an outdoor rink, baking cookies or having a movie marathon. This creates traditions kids will remember.
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GIVE CHRISTMAS MEANING

Oliver James, author of Affluenza, a book about how our competitive consumerist culture makes us anxious, suggests ways to give Christmas a non-commercial meaning.

Create games and traditions
Find a film that the family can watch together (The Sound of Music, Casablanca), and watch it every year, creating rituals away from the consumption of gifts.

Reinforce anti-materialism
Remind your kids that money and possessions aren't going to make them happy throughout the year, and that richer people aren't necessarily happier.

Make them ad-savvy
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Healthy pasta, huge taste

Heart friendly and palate pleasing — put shrimp pasta on the menu

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▶ Dinner gets a healthy boost with whole-grain pasta, and shrimp.

Ingredients:

- 1 package whole grain spaghetti
- 1 head radicchio, quartered and shaved in thin slices
- 1 cup shrimp
- 1 garlic clove, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil

For the marinade:

- 1 tsp parsley, chopped
- 1 tsp rosemary, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 200 grams shrimp, small peeled and cleaned
- 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ tsp red pepper, crushed

Looking for a dish that is simple and impressive? Celebrity chef Scott Conant of Scarpetta restaurant has created a delicious dish that is sure to satisfy your pasta craving.

Preparation:

1. Marinate shrimp with parsley, rosemary, extra virgin olive oil, garlic and crushed red pepper.
2. Heat olive oil in a sauté pan. Sauté the sliced garlic until just before it turns brown. Add the shredded radicchio and sauté for 7-10 minutes.
3. Cook pasta until it's almost al dente. Drain. Reserve some cooking liquid (¼ cup) and set aside.
4. Add pasta cooking water (approximately (¼ cup) to sauté pan and cook for a minute or so. Then, add the pasta that is 90 per cent cooked. Add the marinated shrimp and cook thoroughly.

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Warm up with slow-cooked holiday brisket

Beer and black pepper brisket packs serious flavour, and brings Southern inspiration to the table

Preparing a winning brisket is quite simple.

All you need is patience (it takes a long time to cook) and the right cut of meat.

When you buy a trimmed brisket (the moist point has been removed) braising is the only way to make it palatable. That and adding lots of flavourful ingredients, such as onion soup mix and stewed tomatoes.

It's much better — and far more flavourful — to go with a whole, untrimmed brisket.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 325 F. Set a metal rack over a rimmed baking sheet.
2. Stir salt, pepper and cayenne in a small bowl and mix. Sprinkle mix all over each side of the brisket.
3. Pour 1 beer into a loaf pan. Set on low rack.
4. Place brisket, fat side up, on rack and roast between 4 and 6 hours. Add additional beer every hour. Cook until the meat reaches 185 F at centre. Remove from the oven and let sit for 20 minutes. Slice brisket thinly to serve.

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup kosher salt
- 3 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 9- to 11-pound whole beef brisket, untrimmed
- Four to six 375 ml (12-ounce) bottles beer

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▶ Warm up your belly this winter with a hearty brisket.

Should apple juice be on high alert?

ISTOCK PHOTO

▶ Some say the real danger of apple juice is the calories.

It's true — apple juice can pose a risk to your health. But not necessarily from the trace amounts of arsenic that people are arguing about.

Despite the U.S. government's consideration of new limits on arsenic, nutrition experts say apple juice's real danger is to waistlines and children's teeth. Apple juice has few natural nutrients, lots of calories and, in some cases, more sugar than soda.

"It's like sugar water," said Judith Stern, a nutrition professor at the University of California, who has consulted for Weight Watchers. "I won't let my three-year-old grandson drink apple juice."

Kids under 12 consume 28 per cent of all juice and juice drinks. Nationwide, apple juice is second only to orange juice in popularity.

TVs Dr. Mehmet Oz raised alarm over arsenic in apple juice, based on tests his show commissioned by a private lab. The Food and Drug Administration said its own tests disagreed.

However, after Consumer Reports did its own tests on several juice brands, the FDA said it will examine whether the amount of arsenic allowed is stringent enough.

Some forms of arsenic, such as the type found in pesticides, can be toxic and may pose a cancer risk if consumed at high levels.

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PUTTING DIRTY OPTIONS THROUGH A WASH

Is it better to hand wash dishes or use my dishwasher? *Mike of Don Mills, Ont.*

QUEEN OF GREEN

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Let me ask you this; can you wash and rinse a dirty plate with a cup of water?

Researchers at the University of Bonn in Germany found that, compared to hand washing, dishwashers use only half the energy, one-sixth of the water, and less soap.

The most careful of hand-washers just could not beat the dishwashers we are blessed with today.

The study also rated the level of cleanliness.

Once again, the dishwasher won.

Energy Star claims that using an efficient dishwasher instead of an older one will cut your utility bills by more than $40 a year.

An Energy Star-qualified dishwasher can save you more than 230 hours of time over the course of a year (almost 10 days).

Although, if you find washing dishes therapeutic, who am I to argue with the value of quality me time?

And as usual, there are qualifiers.

It's pretty tough to do a better job by hand than using an energy-efficient dishwasher.

Run your machine full, on the light cycle and turn off the heated drying option.

And for the love of Pete, choose an eco-friendly dishwasher and/or dishwashing soap.

If a product doesn't list ingredients, leave it on the shelf.

Look for products with eco-labels like Green Seal or Environmental Choice's EcoLogo.

The bottom-line: It's pretty tough to do a better job by hand than using an energy-efficient dishwasher.

But then there are the big pots (space hogs), knives (that get dull from clanking against dishes), and plastic containers (that release harmful chemicals when washed).

These should be hand-washed.

You can do a more efficient job by scraping food into the compost instead of wasting water rinsing.

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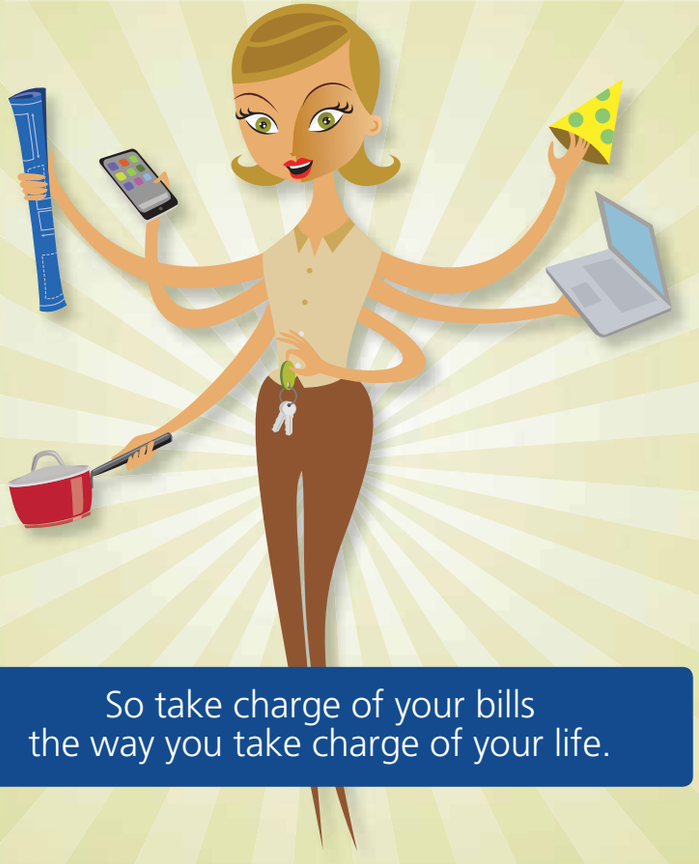

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Her business is doing just grape

A toast to former model Caroline Granger, who traded in glamour and photoshoots for grape vines and family

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"I've gone from walking on alligators to dancing on them!" Caroline tells me from her office at The Grange, the award-winning winery she has grown and nurtured for the past 10 years.

It's been quite the journey for Caroline Granger, who found incredible success as a Ford model in Paris at the age of 16. Love and children brought her back to North America and ultimately to the family farm in Prince Edward County in Ontario where she's been raising her three children.

In 1999 she planted some grape vines for a friend and it got her thinking about the wine business.

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▶ Granger in her modeling days.

With the support of her family she went back to school and planted 10 acres. The learning curve was steep but success soon followed.

"I have this huge excitement that we're on the edge of something new and dancing on alligators is how I view the future. I am thrilled to be a woman in agriculture and I'm passionate about making wine. This business is very hard but I know this is absolutely where I'm supposed to be and I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

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TIGER WOODS, ON WHAT HE WAS FEELING AFTER WINNING HIS FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MORE THAN TWO YEARS. WOODS POURED IN A PUTT TO CAP OFF A BIRDIE-BIRDIE FINISH AT THE CHEVRON WORLD CHALLENGE YESTERDAY TO BEAT FORMER MASTERS CHAMPION ZACH JOHNSON BY ONE SHOT. THE WIN ENDED A DROUGHT THAT LASTED 749 DAYS, AND MIGHT HAVE SIGNALLED A CHANGE THAT SHOWS WOODS IS ON HIS WAY BACK.

Canucks pounce on Flames

Calgary strikes early but run out of gas as Luongo shuts door in first start since mid-November

CANUCKS	FLAMES
5	1

RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Canucks David Booth and Cody Hodgson watch teammate Kevin Bieksa's shot blow past Flames goalie Henrik Karlsson in Vancouver last night.

Chris Higgins and David Booth had a goal and two assists each and Roberto Luongo made 21 saves as the Vancouver Canucks beat the Calgary Flames 5-1 last night.

Luongo allowed a weak goal to give Calgary a 1-0 lead, but he was unbeatable the rest of the way in his first start since Nov. 13.

Kevin Bieksa, Jannik Hansen and Daniel Sedin also scored for Vancouver (15-10-1), which posted its sixth win in seven games and continued its dominance over Calgary, having won 10 of its past 12 meetings.

Alex Tanguay tallied for the Flames (11-13-2) who lost for only the second time in their past six games.

The Flames outshot the Canucks 13-10 in the first period, but Luongo faced little action in the final two as Calgary managed only nine shots and was outshot 36-22 on the night.

Vancouver converted two of six power plays while blanking the Flames on four man-advantage opportunities.

Luongo made his first start since suffering an undisclosed upper-body injury Nov. 13 against the New York Islanders. He returned to action during a rare relief appearance in Thursday's 6-5 loss to the Predators after backup Cory Schneider allowed three goals on five shots.

Prior to Thursday, Luongo had watched five straight games from the bench after missing two with his brief injury, as Schneider posted five consecutive wins that included two shutouts.

The stretch marked the first time in Luongo's six-season tenure with the Canucks that he served as the backup during a prolonged span.

Calgary goaltenders Henrik Karlsson, who left in the third period with an apparent knee injury and Miikka Kiprusoff combined for 31 saves.

Karlsson started for only the fifth time this season as coach Brent Sutter attempted to give Kiprusoff the night off after backstopping the Flames to a comeback win Saturday over Edmonton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jones, Martin edge closer to Olympics

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"I thought we came out and played well from the first end on, and everybody made my job easy. It was a fun game to play."

WINNIPEG'S JENNIFER JONES ON YESTERDAY'S CANADA CUP VICTORY

Kevin Martin knows he's got a chance to book a ticket to the Olympics. The hardest part will be waiting two years to make it happen.

Martin's rink locked up a spot in the 2013 Olympic curling trials after winning his fourth Capital One Canada Cup of Curling with a 7-4 victory over Glenn Howard yesterday in Cranbrook.

The Edmonton skip and his team of John Morris, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert won gold at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, and hope to defend it at Sochi, Russia, in 2014.

"We talked about that all week," Martin said. "It's nice to get it out of the way. But like John was saying, 'Now what do we do for two years?'

"This year is already set but next year, absolutely, we'll have to have a team meeting and decide what we're going to do and this will have a bearing on it, for sure."

Martin will be joined at the Olympic trials in Winnipeg by Jennifer Jones, who advanced on the women's side with a 9-4 victory over Chelsea Carey.

Both Martin and Winnipeg's Jones won $26,000, plus entries to next year's Canada Cup in Moose Jaw, Sask., and the 2013 Continental Cup in Penticton.

"We were never really looking that far ahead," said Jones, a four-time national champion who scored at 94 per cent on her skip rocks in the match.

"But it is nice. This way, you don't really have to go all out (for the next two seasons). You can control your schedule and pick the events you want to play in, which is kind of nice."

In the men's final, Martin scored two points each in the third and fifth ends to take a 4-2 lead, then added singles in the seventh, ninth and 10th ends to beat Howard.

Coldwater, Ont., skip Howard and his team of Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing and Craig Savill took home $16,000 for the second-place finish.

Meanwhile in the women's final, Jones dominated Carey and her Morden, Man., rink by scoring three points in both the fourth and seventh ends.

Carey and her team of Kristy McDonald, Kristen Foster and Lindsay Titheridge settled for $16,000, while Jones and lead Dawn Askin celebrated their second Cup win. It was the first Cup win for third Kaitlyn Lawes and second Joelle Sabourin.

"You know, it was just fun to go out there and curl well in a big game," said Jones.

"They were just a little bit off early and we got the lead, but they're a great team and I'm sure they'll bounce back." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	27	16	7	2	2	85	66	36	8-1-2-0	8-6-0-2	6-3-1-0	W2
d-Boston	24	16	7	0	1	85	51	33	10-5-0-1	6-2-0-0	9-0-0-1	W3
d-Florida	26	14	8	1	3	73	65	32	5-2-1-3	9-6-0-0	6-3-1-0	W1
NY Rangers	23	15	5	1	2	69	50	33	7-1-0-1	8-4-1-1	8-2-0-0	W5
Philadelphia	25	15	7	2	1	90	73	33	6-4-1-1	9-3-1-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Toronto	26	14	10	1	1	83	85	30	6-4-1-1	8-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
Buffalo	26	14	11	0	1	72	69	29	6-8-0-1	8-3-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Washington	25	13	11	0	1	75	79	27	9-4-0-1	4-7-0-0	3-7-0-0	W1
Ottawa	26	12	11	2	1	79	89	27	6-4-0-1	6-7-2-0	5-3-2-0	L2
Montreal	27	11	11	2	3	67	69	27	4-5-2-2	7-6-0-1	3-4-2-1	W1
Winnipeg	26	11	11	3	1	75	82	26	7-4-0-0	4-7-3-1	6-3-1-0	W2
New Jersey	25	12	12	0	1	62	72	25	5-4-0-1	7-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	L4
Tampa Bay	25	11	12	0	2	67	80	24	7-4-0-0	4-8-0-2	3-7-0-0	L3
NY Islanders	24	8	11	3	2	52	78	21	5-6-2-0	3-5-1-2	4-4-1-1	W1
Carolina	28	8	16	2	2	66	94	20	5-9-0-2	3-7-2-0	2-8-0-0	L6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	27	17	7	2	1	69	60	37	10-4-1-0	7-3-1-1	9-1-0-0	W4
d-Chicago	27	16	8	1	2	90	84	35	8-2-0-2	8-6-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
d-Dallas	26	15	10	0	1	69	72	31	9-4-0-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Detroit	25	16	8	1	0	75	56	33	10-2-1-0	6-6-0-0	7-3-0-0	L1
Vancouver	26	15	10	0	1	83	67	31	7-4-0-1	8-6-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
St. Louis	26	14	9	0	3	63	58	31	8-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	6-2-0-2	L2
Los Angeles	26	13	9	2	2	60	58	30	8-7-0-1	5-2-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
San Jose	23	14	8	1	0	67	56	29	7-5-1-0	7-3-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	25	13	9	1	2	67	62	29	7-5-1-1	6-4-0-1	5-5-0-0	L2
Edmonton	27	13	11	0	3	76	71	29	7-4-0-2	6-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Nashville	26	12	10	3	1	68	71	28	4-4-2-1	8-6-1-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Colorado	27	13	13	1	0	75	78	27	7-9-0-0	6-4-1-0	5-5-0-0	W3
Calgary	26	11	13	1	1	60	72	24	5-5-1-1	6-8-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Anaheim	26	7	14	2	3	60	87	19	5-9-1-0	2-5-1-3	1-7-1-1	L2
Columbus	26	7	16	0	3	62	88	17	5-7-0-1	2-9-0-2	4-6-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Vancouver 5 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 Detroit 2
Minnesota 5 Anaheim 3
Saturday's results
Calgary 5 Edmonton 3
Montreal 2 Los Angeles 1
Winnipeg 4 New Jersey 2
Boston 4 Toronto 1
Washington 3 Ottawa 2 (OT)
Buffalo 3 Nashville 2
Chicago 5 St. Louis 2
Florida 5 San Jose 3
N.Y. Islanders 5 Dallas 4
N.Y. Rangers 4 Tampa Bay 2
Philadelphia 4 Phoenix 2
Pittsburgh 3 Carolina 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

CANUCKS 5, FLAMES 1

First Period
1. Calgary, Tanguay 5 (Horak, Bourque) 18:34
Penalties — Glencross Cal (delay of game) 9:20, Comeau Cal (roughing) 10:03.
Second Period
2. Vancouver, Bieksa 2 (Higgins, Booth) 5:13 (pp)
3. Vancouver, Higgins 8 (Booth, Hamhuis) 19:01
Penalties — H.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 1:01, Iginla Cal (goaltender interference) 3:29, Smith Cal (holding) 10:33, Higgins Vcr (interference) 15:35.
Third Period
4. Vancouver, Booth 5 (Kesler, Higgins) 0:40
5. Vancouver, Hansen 7 (Raymond, Ballard) 1:54
6. Vancouver, D.Sedin 9 (Kesler, H.Sedin) 5:42 (pp)
Penalties — Bourque Cal (cross-checking) 5:16, Booth Vcr (goaltender interference) 7:57, Kostopoulos Cal (roughing), Stajan Cal (fighting, misconduct), Rome Vcr (cross-checking, roughing), Lapierre Vcr (fighing, misconduct) 11:00, Backlund Cal (hooking) 17:31.
Shots

Calgary	13	4	5	22
Vancouver	10	15	11	36

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Karlsson (L,0-4-1)(32-27), Kiprusoff (6:39 third, 4-4); Vancouver: Luongo (W,8-6-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Calgary: 0-4 Vancouver: 2-6.
Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Brian Pochmara.
Linesmen — David Brisebois, Tony Sericolo.
Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SATURDAY

BRUINS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 1

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Lucic Bos (tripping) 17:49, MacArthur Tor (tripping) 18:11.
Second Period
1. Boston, Krejci 5 (Horton, Lucic) 4:20
2. Toronto, Grabovski 7 (Gardiner, Crabb) 5:08
3. Boston, Kelly 10 (Peverley, Ference) 13:11
Penalties — Chara Bos (tripping) 8:11, Krejci Bos (holding) 15:33.
Third Period
4. Boston, Boychuk 3 (Marchand, Bergeron) 3:06
5. Boston, Horton 7 (Krejci, Lucic) 14:26
Penalties — Chara Bos (hooking) 6:28, Crabb Tor, Corvo Bos (fighting) 14:45, MacArthur Tor (tripping) 15:44.
Shots

Toronto	7	11	4	22
Boston	10	9	11	30

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,4-1-1); Boston: Rask (W,4-3-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-4; Boston: 0-2.
Referees — Francis Charron, Brad Watson.
Linesmen — Michel Cormier, Derek Nansen.
Attendance — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

JETS 4, DEVILS 2

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Kane 13 (Byfuglien, Little) 1:42
2. New Jersey, Henrique 6 (Parise, Kovalchuk) 5:53
Penalties — Zubrus NJ (holding) 14:46, Slater Wpg (slashing) 18:43.
Second Period
3. New Jersey, Elias 9 (Larsson) 17:17 (pp)
4. Winnipeg, Burmistrov 6 (Little) 18:24 (sh)
Penalties — Thorburn Wpg (hooking) 5:22, Clarkson NJ (interference) 9:24, Jaffray Wpg (holding) 16:24, Ladd Wpg (tripping) 16:38.
Third Period
5. Winnipeg, Stuart 3 (Wheeler, Bogosian) 13:13
6. Winnipeg, Kane 14, 19:28 (en)
Penalties — Sestito NJ, Jaffray Wpg (fighting) 4:10, Sykora NJ (unsportsmanlike conduct), Oduya Wpg (roughing) 11:45.
Shots

New Jersey	6	12	7	25
Winnipeg	6	7	7	20

Goal — New Jersey: Hedberg (L,7-5-1); Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,9-9-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 1-4; Winnipeg: 0-2.
Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — Lonnie Cameron, Jay Sharrers.
Attendance — 15,015 (15,015) at Winnipeg.

FLAMES 5, OILERS 3

First Period
1. Edmonton, Petrell 2 (Hordichuk, O'Marra) 2:19
2. Edmonton, Gagner 1 (Hemsky, Horcoff) 3:00
3. Calgary, Jokinen 6 (Iginla, Bourque) 3:49 (pp)
4. Calgary, Bourque 8 (Horak, Comeau) 6:45
Penalties — Sutton Edm (roughing) 3:32, Stempniak Cal (hooking) 14:50, Jokinen Cal (hooking) 17:29.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Comeau Cal (closing hand on puck) 5:23, Hannan Cal (delay of game) 7:42, Bourque Cal (hooking) 12:38, Sutton Edm (high-sticking) 15:57.
Third Period
5. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 12 (Eberle, Smid) 5:27
6. Calgary, Smith 2 (Iginla) 6:11
7. Calgary, Backlund 1 (Iginla, Smith) 10:25 (pp)
8. Calgary, Jokinen 7, 19:28 (en)
Penalties — Smyth Edm (roughing) 8:37, Jokinen Cal (slashing) 16:14.
Shots

Calgary	14	13	5	32
Edmonton	8	10	11	29

Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,11-9-1); Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,9-6-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 2-3; Edmonton: 0-6.
Referees — Mike Hasenfratz, Stephen Walkom.
Linesmen — Steve Miller, Bryan Pancich.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

NFL

WEEK 13

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	138	200
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	268	195
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	175	240

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	249	275

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202	256

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	393	269
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290	324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333	277
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	242
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	288	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	296

x-clinched playoff spot; **y**-clinched division
Yesterday's results
Kansas City 10 Chicago 3
Houston 17 Atlanta 10
Denver 35 Minnesota 32
Carolina 38 Tampa Bay 19
Pittsburgh 35 Cincinnati 7
N.Y. Jets 34 Washington 19
Miami 34 Oakland 14
Tennessee 23 Buffalo 17
New England 31 Indianapolis 24
Baltimore 24 Cleveland 10
San Francisco 26 St. Louis 0
Arizona 19 Dallas 13 (OT)
Green Bay 38 N.Y. Giants 35
New Orleans 31 Detroit 17
Thursday's result
Seattle 31 Philadelphia 14
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
San Diego at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester City	14	12	2	0	48	13	38
Manchester United	14	10	3	1	31	13	33
Tottenham	13	10	1	2	29	16	31
Chelsea	14	9	1	4	31	17	28
Arsenal	14	8	2	4	30	23	26
Newcastle	14	7	5	2	19	15	26
Liverpool	13	6	5	2	17	12	23
Stoke	14	5	3	6	14	23	18
Aston Villa	14	3	7	4	16	18	16
Everton	13	5	1	7	15	17	16
Norwich	14	4	4	6	20	26	16
QPR	14	4	4	6	15	25	16
West Brom	14	4	3	7	13	21	15
Swansea	14	3	5	6	14	20	14
Wolverhampton	14	4	2	8	15	24	14
Fulham	13	2	6	5	15	16	12
Sunderland	14	2	5	7	16	17	11
Blackburn	14	2	4	8	21	32	10
Bolton	14	3	0	11	19	34	9
Wigan	14	2	3	9	12	28	9

Yesterday's results
Everton 0 Stoke 1
Wolverhampton 2 Sunderland 1

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's result
Cardiff 1 Birmingham 0

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bayern Munich	15	10	1	4	38	9	31
Borussia Dortmund	15	9	3	3	30	10	30
Moenchengladbach	15	9	3	3	24	10	30
Schalke	15	9	1	5	31	21	28
Werder Bremen	15	8	2	5	26	25	26
Bayer Leverkusen	15	7	4	4	22	19	25
Stuttgart	15	6	4	5	22	17	22
Hannover	15	5	6	4	19	23	21
Hertha Berlin	15	4	7	4	22	23	19
Hoffenheim	15	5	3	7	16	18	18
Hamburger SV	15	4	5	6	20	26	17
Cologne	14	5	2	7	22	31	17
Wolfsburg	15	5	2	8	21	30	17
Mainz	14	4	4	6	21	27	16
Nuremberg	15	4	3	8	14	26	15
Kaiserslautern	15	3	5	7	11	19	14
Freiburg	15	3	4	8	20	31	13
Augsburg	15	2	5	8	13	27	11

Yesterday's results
Hamburger SV 2 Nuremberg 0
Schalke 3 Augsburg 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Bologna 1 Siena 0
Catania 0 Cagliari 1
Chievo Verona 0 Atalanta 0
Fiorentina 3 Roma 0
Juventus 2 Cesena 0
Parma 0 Palermo 0

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Atletico Madrid 3 Rayo Vallecano 1
Granada 1 Zaragoza 0
Mallorca 1 Athletic Bilbao 1
Osasuna 2 Real Betis 1
Real Sociedad 3 Malaga 2

GOLF

CHEVRON WORLD CHALLENGE

At Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Par 72
Final Round

Tiger Woods, $1,200,000	69-67-73-69—278
Zach Johnson, $650,000	73-67-68-71—279
Paul Casey, $400,000	79-68-67-69—283
Matt Kuchar, $262,500	72-67-74-71—284
Hunter Mahan, 4262,500	72-68-73-71—284
Jim Fuyrk, $196,250	71-74-73-69—287
Martin Laird, $196,250	77-74-66-70—287
Rickie Fowler, $196,250	71-70-75-71—287
Bubba Watson, $196,250	75-70-70-72—287
Bo Van Pelt, $177,500	74-72-71-71—288
Gary Woodland, $177,500	73-70-70-75—288
K.J. Choi, $170,000	66-73-72-78—289
Webb Simpson, $162,500	73-79-68-70—290
Bill Haas, $162,500	78-69-69-74—290
Jason Day, $155,000	74-68-77-72—291
Steve Stricker, $150,000	69-76-73-74—292
Keegan Bradley, $145,000	76-75-74-73—298
Nick Watney, $140,000	71-78-73-77—299

UBS HONG KONG OPEN

At Hong Kong
Par 70
Final Round

Rory McIlroy	64-69-70-65—268
Gregory Havret	70-69-66-65—270
Peter Hanson	68-68-65-70—271
Pariya Junhasavasdikul	70-65-67-70—272
Ian Poulter, England	71-68-67-66—272
Richie Ramsay	68-66-72-66—272
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	68-69-70-66—273
Alvaro Quiros	64-69-67-73—273
Y.E. Yang	68-69-65-71—273
Juvic Pagunsan	68-70-68-68—274
Robert Jan Derksen	72-68-66-69—275
Marcus Fraser	67-69-69-70—275
Miguel Angel Jimenez	65-70-72-68—275
Jose Manuel Lara	70-70-67-68—275
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	69-69-71-67—276
Thongchai Jaidee	72-68-71-65—276
Scott Barr	69-71-68-69—277
Jason Knutzon	73-66-67-71—277
Liang Wen-chong	71-69-70-67—277
Prayad Marksaeng	72-70-67-68—277

NEDBANK GOLF CHALLENGE

At Sun City, South Africa
Par 72
Final Round

Lee Westwood	68-70-62-73—273
Robert Karlsson	69-69-69-68—275
Jason Dufner	70-68-70-69—277
Graeme McDowell	70-67-70-70—277
Kyung-tae Kim	70-70-70-70—280
Charl Schwartzel	68-74-68-72—282
Luke Donald	70-71-70-72—283
Martin Kaymer	70-68-70-76—284
Simon Dyson	70-70-75-72—287
Anders Hansen	72-69-77-70—288
Francesco Molinari	72-77-73-73—295
Darren Clarke	74-69-76-78—297

CURLING

CANADA CUP OF CURLING

At Cranbrook, B.C.

MEN

Yesterday's result
CHAMPIONSHIP
Kevin Martin 7 Glenn Howard 4
Saturday's result
SEMIFINAL
Glenn Howard 9 Jeff Stoughton 5

WOMEN

Yesterday's result
CHAMPIONSHIP
Jennifer Jones 9 Chelsea Carey 4
Saturday's result
SEMIFINAL
Jennifer Jones 6 Shannon Kleibrink 3

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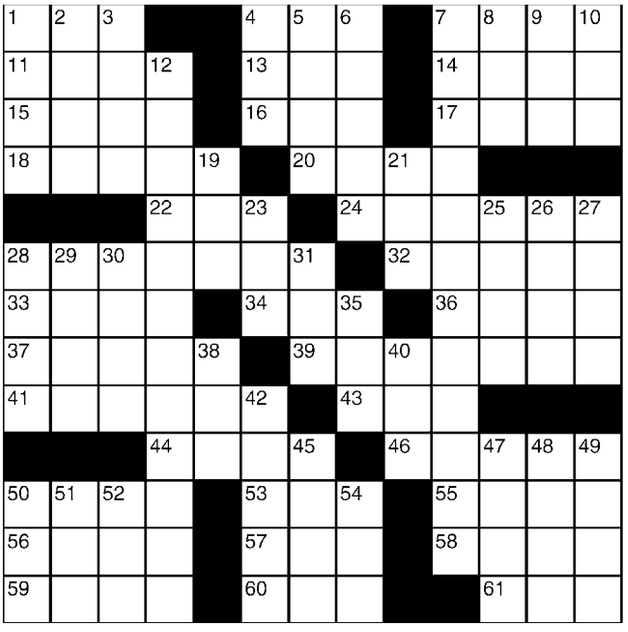

Across

1 Two-timer
4 Arrow launcher
7 Goya's "Naked" subject
11 Scads
13 Atmosphere
14 PC picture
15 Panorama
16 Beer cousin
17 Fender bender
18 Artist's support
20 Knitting need
22 Lower limb
24 Used a switchblade on
28 Unimportant
32 Spry
33 Relaxation
34 — de deux
36 Lug
37 Bother
39 Washington city
41 Half-hour TV show, often
43 Blond shade
44 Hawaiian feast
46 Eccentric
50 Note from the boss
53 54-Down stat
55 Eye layer
56 United nations
57 Slithery squeezer
58 Skaters' venue
59 Out of control
60 Switch positions
61 Two, in Tijuana

Down

1 Bear lair, often
2 Others (Lat.)
3 Accomplishes
4 Sheep's cry
5 Unctuous
6 Cause, as havoc
7 Dark time
8 Expert
9 "The Daily Show With — Stewart"
10 Pismire
12 Another way to say 7-Down
19 Floral neckwear
21 Genetic letters
23 Space
25 Authoritative command
26 Hebrew month
27 Take out of context?
28 Earl Grey's kin
29 Hindu princess
30 "Say It — So"
31 — Vegas
35 The Red or the Black
38 Thee
40 Request
42 Ballroom dance
45 "Once — a time ..."
47 "Amores" poet
48 Gambling game
49 Tibetan herd
50 Biz deg.
51 Shade tree
52 Cattle call?
54 Auto fuel

▶ Thursday's answer

T	A	P	E	S		A	D	O		F	A	S
S	P	U	R	T		L	O	U		A	R	E
A	T	R	I	A		P	U	R	V	I	E	W
		C	E	L	L	A	R		E	R	N	E
U	S	E		L	A	C		B	R	E	A	D
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			B	A	L	E	R		S	U	M	O
A	P	A	R	T		M	A	D		R	U	N
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P	U	R	S	U	I	T		R	O	O	D	S
I	L	O		F	E	E		B	R	I	D	E
C	A	N		O	D	D		Y	E	N	T	A

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 What happens over the next seven days will make life fun again.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Today could turn out to be rather challenging, but in a pleasant way.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Action speaks louder than words, so act fast, be first and get the job done.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Get that glum look off your face and believe that good things (and good people) are coming your way.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Don't allow yourself to get worked up about some of the things that go on in the world.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Fate is about to introduce you to someone who can transform your existence.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Let the world know who you are and what you can do – and make sure you do it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Go places, do things and make new friends. Life has rarely looked better.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You want to help those who can't help themselves and the best way to do that is to join forces with those who share your concerns.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You have always been ambitious but are your ambitions inspired by your ideals or are you interested in nothing more than profit and position?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 All things change with time and it's time you moved on – to better things, of course.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. What you believe is likely to change profoundly over the next few days. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku

2		1			9		8	
			3	6				1
6				2		3		
		4					1	
		3	9		5	4		
	7					9		
		8		7				5
1			3	5				
	4		2			8		6

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Thursday's answer ▶

8	3	7	9	6	1	5	2	4
6	1	4	2	8	5	9	7	3
9	5	2	3	4	7	6	1	8
1	9	6	8	5	2	3	4	7
2	8	3	6	7	4	1	5	9
4	7	5	1	3	9	2	8	6
7	4	9	5	2	6	8	3	1
3	2	1	4	9	8	7	6	5
5	6	8	7	1	3	4	9	2

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